



State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent

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Dear District Administrator:

As required by federal law, I'd like to remind you that under the general provisions of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, local education agencies (LEAs) that receive funds under this act shall provide military recruiters upon request student directory information. In addition, schools must provide the military the same access to secondary school students as is provided generally to post secondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of those students. A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that directory information (student's name, address, and telephone number) not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local educational agency shall notify parents of this option and shall comply with any request. DPI's ESEA Information Update Bulletin No. 02.12, fully describes LEA requirements regarding student recruiting information and military recruiter access to students. It can be found on our website at: http://dpi.wi.gov/esea/pdf/bul_0212.pdf.

The U.S. Army has asked that I make you aware of several resources that you may find useful in communicating educational and career options for youth. Use of these resources is a local decision based on local needs. Three programs available through the U.S. Army are as follow:

- The **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery** (ASVAB), administered to high school students at no charge to the school district, is a career exploration tool for students to use in planning their futures. ASVAB scores, with assistance in interpretation from highly qualified military personnel or school counselors, provide students with indicators for the full spectrum of career options.
- The **Take Charge!** program is offered as a public service through the U.S. Army's Recruiting Command as part of their efforts to help students stay in school, avoid drug abuse and related youth risk behaviors, and earn their high school diplomas. *Take Charge!* consists of a video, followed by a facilitated discussion in which students can share their own experiences and successes with the above challenges.
- The Army's **March 2 Success** tool is designed to help primarily 11th and 12th grade students prepare for state assessments, college entrance exams, trade school or military entrance exams, and improve their math and English language skills. At no cost, students can take all or selected portions of the 30 hours of instruction in approximately 50 interactive multi-media lessons, drills, and exercises. Specific content and practice on preparing for both the ACT and SAT testing programs are available as a part of this program. For more information, go to www.march2success.com.

For more information about these programs or classroom presentations, talk to your local army recruiter or contact Dr. Harry Vartigian, Education Services Specialist, U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion-Milwaukee, at 414-297-4591, or visit www.goarmy.com.

Sincerely,

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State Superintendent

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